GLEANINGS — December 14, A.D. 2014 A Brother's Verse

In arrogance my heart was hard From Lakeview through to Harvard yard; And well beyond until that day The Spirit showed to me His way -The way of truth, eternal life, Not puffed up pride and inner strife.

Indeed the mighty Wind had blown And took away that heart of stone. Not of myself was this a choice To heed the calling Shepherd's voice; And now with my new heart I pray God grant to others such a day.

Others as yet unredeemed, Complete in self, or so it seemed. For I was blind but now I see That only He can set us free. By grace through faith, a blessed gift Twixt God and sinners seals the rift.

Some understand and glorify Christ Whom others still deny; That He's the One, of peace the Prince My testimony can't convince. From death the only one reprieve Is in the gospel to believe.

Yet on our own can't just decide With Him forever to abide. It will only happen when By Spirit we are born again. Harmoniously our words mesh In common having hearts of flesh.

— Gordon C. Graham